

40528 to 40531—Continued.

40528 and 40529. ALOE spp.

40528. "Unnamed species, stem 2 feet, foliage greenish gray. I have not yet seen this in flower, but it is quite different from any other." (*Thorncroft.*)

40529. "A new species, provisionally named *Aloe sessiliflora*. Flower stems 2 feet, plant 3 feet high, flowers close, compact to stem, color pale yellow. Habitat, rocky hillsides." (*Thorncroft.*)

40530. ALOE MARLOTHII A. Berger.

"An arborescent aloe often attaining a height of 10 feet, with extremely spiny leaves and horizontally spreading orange-red flowering spikes."

40531. ALOE sp.

"Stemless leaves in rosette, annually throws a flower stem, branching 7 feet high, flowers pink. The most beautiful Aloe I know." (*Thorncroft.*)

Received as *Aloe pretorensis*, for which name a place of publication has not been found.

40532. CANAVALI GLADIATUM (Jacq.) DC. Fabaceæ.

Chinese knife bean.

From Nanking, China. Presented by Mr. William Millward, University of Nanking. Received April 10, 1915.

"*Tao tou* (*Dao do*), Chinese knife bean."

40533. LUFFA CYLINDRICA (L.) Roemer. Cucurbitaceæ.

(*Luffa aegyptiaca* Mill.)

Loofah gourd.

From Asuncion, Paraguay. Presented by Mr. C. F. Mead. Received April 12, 1915.

"A climbing vine, not over delicate, which matures its fruit in about six months. If figuring on using for sponges, pick fruits when green, as sponge will be softer in that case." (*Mead.*)

40534. QUERCUS INSIGNIS Martens and Galleotti. Fagaceæ. Oak.

From Zacuapam, Huatusco, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Purchased from Dr. C. A. Purpus. Received April 13, 1915.

See S. P. I. No. 39723 for previous introduction and description.

40535. ERAGROSTIS ABYSSINICA (Jacq.) Schrad. Poaceæ. Teff.

From Johannesburg, Union of South Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Burt Davy, botanist, Agricultural Supply Association. Received April 14, 1915.

"For trial as a hay grass in Florida and other parts of the Southeast. Teff continues to be a standard hay crop here, and in spite of the fact that it has now been established in South Africa for several years, prices of teff hay on the Johannesburg market have again been ruling up to £4 10s. 0d. and £5 per ton. It is remarkable how well stock do on this grass, and the way in which its use has spread without any artificial boom proves clearly that it is a first-class thing." (*Davy.*)